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1. During February 1953, there was little reaction in Chinese Communist press and magazine publications to the Eisenhower state of the union message. Although public knowledge of the Taiwan deneutralization order was not widespread, many persons in East China industrial and commercial circles had heard the news over the Voice of America...
2. On 3 and 8 February Chinese Communist political classes held discussions on the subject "How to Combat Eisenhower Plot to Enlarge the War".
3. Between 8 and 13 February Communist troops in Hangchow were discussing the same subject, using printed outlines.
4. On 6 March at 9 p.m., following the news of Stalin's death, an informal meeting of various Chekiang governmental and party officials was held in the Hangchow city hall. The meeting was called by CH'EN Chih-hsien (5256/1807/0341), chief of the Provincial Members Office (sic), and CH'EN Ping (7115/0393), deputy chief of the Propaganda Department. The following instructions were given out during the course of this meeting:
  - a. All propaganda concerning Stalin's death was to conform to instructions of "central organizations", and no individual action or signs of disunity would be permitted.
  - b. Strict precautions were to be taken in case any persons attempted to exploit the situation for anti-Communist actions; inappropriate expressions of opinion or spreading of rumors were to be guarded against.
5. On 6 March at 8:30 p.m., the Shanghai Culture and Education Bureau ordered the managers of local movie theatres to stop performances. Audiences were informed of Stalin's death and ticket money was refunded. All entertainment was cancelled from 7 to 9 March, and theatre and entertainment personnel were instructed to join organized instruction classes for that three day period.

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